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DEPT PASS TO NASA FOR FRUTKIN AND GODDARD CODE 800
ISLAMABAD FOR GALLUP

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SUB: SITE SURVEY FOR PORTABLE LANDSAT STATION

REF: TEHRAN 3902

1. REZA GHOTBI NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO IRAN BEFORE SATURDAY, 24 APRIL. ALI GHAZI WILL MEET WITH MCKEEHAN AND ACTING SCIATT LESSARD ON TUESDAY. DOUBTFUL THAT GHAZI HAS THE INFLUENCE TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING CRITICAL ISSUES ON CUSTOMS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN GHOTBI'S ABSENCE.

2. MCKEEHAN PREPARED TO ATTEMPT MEETING WITH GHOTBI IN EUROPE BUT BELIEVES SCHEDULE IMPACT OF RESULTING DELAY MAY BE UNACCEPTABLE. AT THIS TIME, RELIABLE PLAN FOR DEPLOYMENT IN IRAN IS NOT POSSIBLE AND MAY NOT BE FOR TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS. REQUEST NASA WEIGH THIS DELAY AND LACK OF IRANIAN ABILITY TO PROCEED AGAINST RAWALPINDI POSSIBILITIES DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.

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3. MCKEEHAN'S OPINION IS THAT RAWALPINDI LOCATION WILL BE LESS

COSTLY TO IMPLEMENT AND OPERATE AND COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED CLOSE
TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF 1 JUNE. SUPARCO READY TO PROCEED
ON CALL FROM MCKEEHAN.

4. MCKEEHAN PLANS CALL TO NASA 1100 EST ON 20 APRIL. REQUESTS
URGENT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO RAWALPINDI LOCATION AND DECI-
SION COMMUNICATED TO HIM AT THAT TIME.
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